

United States and its Territories and possessions until sunset on the day of interment. I also direct that the flag shall be flown at half-staff for the same period at all United States embassies, legations, consular offices, and other facilities abroad, including all military facilities and naval vessels and stations.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand this seventeenth day of May, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and ninety-six, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and twentieth.

William J. Clinton

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NOTE: This proclamation will be published in the *Federal Register* on May 22.

Digest of Other White House Announcements

The following list includes the President's public schedule and other items of general interest announced by the Office of the Press Secretary and not included elsewhere in this issue.

May 13

In the evening, the President attended Democratic National Committee dinners at the Jefferson Hotel and the Sheraton Carlton Hotel.

The President announced his intention to nominate Kerry-Ann Jones as Associate Director for National Security and International Affairs at the Office of Science and Technology Policy.

The President announced the nominations of the following individuals to ambassadorial posts:

- Stanley Schrager, Ambassador to Djibouti;
- Arlene Render, Ambassador to Zambia;
- Alan R. McKee, Ambassador to Swaziland;
- John F. Hicks, Ambassador to Eritrea; and
- Harold Walter Geisel, Ambassador to the Seychelles.

May 14

In the morning, the President met with Bosnian Federation leaders and officials of the Governments of Bosnia-Herzegovina and Croatia in the Roosevelt Room.

In the afternoon, the President attended a Democratic National Committee lunch at the Jefferson Hotel. He then met in the Cabinet Room with a group of District of Columbia residents representing nonprofit organizations.

May 15

In the afternoon, the President had a telephone conversation with Senator Bob Dole to discuss the Senator's decision to retire from the Senate.

The White House announced the President appointed David P. Twomey, William P. Hobgood, and Carl E. Van Horn to the Presidential emergency board established to investigate disputes between certain railroads and employees represented by the Brotherhood of Maintenance of Way Employees.

May 16

In the morning, the President hosted a breakfast for the White House Conference on Corporate Citizenship in the State Dining Room.

In the evening, the President attended the NAACP Legal Defense Fund honoree reception at the Washington Hilton Hotel and the Southwest Voter Registration Education Project dinner at the Mayflower Hotel.

The President announced his intention to nominate Marcia E. Miller as a Commissioner of the International Trade Commission.

The President declared a major disaster in the State of Montana and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local recovery efforts in the area struck by severe storms, flooding, ice jams, and excessive soil saturation.

May 17

In the morning, the President traveled to St. Louis, MO. Following his arrival, he addressed the community at the Webster Groves High School.

In the evening, the President attended a dinner for Representative Richard A. Gephardt at the Trans World Dome. Following

the dinner, he returned to Washington, DC, arriving after midnight.

The President announced his intention to nominate Arma Jane Karaer as Ambassador to Papua New Guinea, to the Solomon Islands, and to Vanuatu.

The President accorded the personal rank of Ambassador to James W. Pardew, Jr., in his capacity as U.S. Special Representative for Military Stabilization in the Balkans.

The President announced his intention to nominate Alan Philip Larson to be an Assistant Secretary of State for Economic and Business Affairs.

Nominations Submitted to the Senate

The following list does not include promotions of members of the Uniformed Services, nominations to the Service Academies, or nominations of Foreign Service officers.

Submitted May 13

Harold Walter Geisel,
of Illinois, a career member of the Senior Foreign Service, class of Minister-Counselor, to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of Seychelles.

Reynaldo Flores Macías,
of California, to be a member of the National Institute for Literacy Advisory Board for a term expiring September 22, 1998, vice Helen B. Crouch, term expired.

Withdrawn May 13

Bruce W. Greer,
of Florida, to be U.S. District Judge for the Southern District of Florida, vice James W. Kehoe, retired, which was sent to the Senate on August 1, 1995.

Charles R. Stack,
of Florida, to be U.S. Circuit Judge for the Eleventh Circuit, vice Peter T. Fay, retired,

which was sent to the Senate on October 27, 1995.

Submitted May 15

Christina A. Snyder,
of California, to be U.S. District Judge for the Central District of California, vice Edward Rafeedie, retired.

Thomas W. Thrash, Jr.,
of Georgia, to be U.S. District Judge for the Northern District of Georgia, vice Robert L. Vining, Jr., retired.

Submitted May 16

J. Rene Josey,
of South Carolina, to be U.S. Attorney for the District of South Carolina for the term of 4 years, vice J. Preston Strom, Jr., resigned.

Checklist of White House Press Releases

The following list contains releases of the Office of the Press Secretary that are neither printed as items nor covered by entries in the Digest of Other White House Announcements.

Released May 13

Transcript of a press briefing by Press Secretary Mike McCurry

Released May 14

Transcript of a press briefing by Press Secretary Mike McCurry

Transcript of a press briefing by Vice President Al Gore, Counselor to the President Mack McLarty, Deputy Attorney General Jamie Gorelick, Gen. John Tilelli, Major Gen. Bob Hicks, Deputy Secretary of Transportation Mort Downey, and Larry Haas, OMB Associate Director for Communications on the Olympic games in Atlanta, GA

Statement by Press Secretary Mike McCurry announcing notification to Congress of the release of \$100 million for firefighting activities